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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EAST ST. LOUIS OFFICE

**IN RE: )  
COURT OPERATIONS AND )  
THE USE OF VIDEO AND )  
TELECONFERENCING DURING THE )  
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES )  
CREATED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS. )**

**Administrative Order No. 344**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

Because of the prevalence of subvariant XBB.1.5 in the United States, this Court continues to evaluate its response to the spread and long-term effects of the COVID-19 virus in the district. As the positivity rate in the State of Illinois remains at about five percent, the Court again adopts and incorporates in its entirety the fifteenth amended omnibus Administrative Order 266, entered on November 14, 2022, into this Order.

Consistent with that Order and Administrative Order 335, this Court reminds all individuals entering the courthouses in this district that each Judge may require parties and the public to wear a mask while in his/her courtroom. Questions about masking preferences or other COVID protocols in effect should be directed to the assigned Judge’s Courtroom Deputy. Additionally, the Court reiterates that the following persons shall not enter the Courthouse:

1. Persons who have been asked within the last 10 days to self-quarantine by a doctor, hospital, or health agency;
2. Persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 or been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 10 days; or
3. Persons with the following symptoms or combination of symptoms:

- a. Fever (100.4 degrees F or higher)
- b. Chills
- c. Cough
- d. Shortness of breath
- e. Fatigue
- f. Muscle or body aches
- g. Headache
- h. New loss of taste or smell
- i. Sore throat
- j. Congestion
- k. Runny nose
- l. Nausea
- m. Vomiting
- n. Diarrhea

- Persons who have had close contact or been exposed to anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 10 days *may enter the Courthouse*, provided they do not have any of the symptoms identified in subparagraph three above and wear a mask covering their nose and mouth, unless directed otherwise by the Court, until 10 full days have passed.

This order remains in effect until May 11, 2023, when the emergency conditions declared by the President of the United States expire.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.



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NANCY J. ROSENSTENGEL  
Chief U.S. District Judge